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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Dee Brown, on January 25, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 67, 1/18/2017; SB 121, 1/16/2017

Executive Action: SB 127 - Do Pass
HB 40 - Be Concurred In
SB 87 - Be Tabled

00:00:01 Chair Brown

HEARING ON SB 121

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:13 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 121, Provide that volunteer positions are not reportable to TRS.

00:01:05 Sen. Osmundson left the meeting.

00:01:30 Sen. Malek entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:04:14 Shawn Graham, executive director, Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)
[EXHIBIT\(sts18a01\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:29 Chair Brown

00:05:50 Mr. Graham, TRS

00:06:32 Chair Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:06:39 Sen. Buttrey

00:07:46 Chair Brown

00:08:01 Sen. Buttrey

00:08:23 Chair Brown

HEARING ON HB 67

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:42 Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D), HD 99, opened the hearing on HB 67, Generally revise Teachers' Retirement System.

[EXHIBIT\(sts18a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:26 Shawn Graham, executive director, Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)

[EXHIBIT\(sts18a03\)](#)

00:19:04 Sen. Osmundson entered the meeting.

00:25:00 Diane Fladmo, director of Research & Bargaining, retired program coordinator,
Montana Education Association - Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:53 Sen. Kary
00:26:43 Mr. Graham, TRS
00:27:36 Sen. Kary
00:28:05 Mr. Graham
00:29:08 Sen. Kary
00:29:34 Mr. Graham
00:33:30 Chair Brown
00:34:11 Mr. Graham
00:34:40 Chair Brown
00:34:55 Mr. Graham
00:36:02 Chair Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:11 Rep. Ryan

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 40

00:37:43 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 40 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:38:13 Chair Brown

00:38:48 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Brown and Sen. Kary voting
no. Sen. Swandal will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 87

00:39:42 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 87 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 7-1 by
roll call vote with Sen. Swandal voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 127

00:40:43 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 127 DO PASS.** Motion carried
unanimously by voice vote.

00:41:59 Chair Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:45 PM

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([sts18aad.pdf](#))